(b) Yes, Sir. The situation in the North-Eastern States is conditioned by a complex set of factors including historical, social, economic, administrative and political. A multi-pronged strategy is being followed for dealing with the disturbed law and order situation in some of the States and for the economic development of the entire North-East region.

Recommendation of NHRC about terrorism in Punjab

484. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has cautioned Government that the delay in tackling human rights violation could lead to revival of militancy and terrorism in Punjab;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto;

(c) whether National Human Rights Commission has made several recommendations on Human Rights issue;

(d) whether the Union Government have examined these recommendations; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) In the report of its visit to Punjab, the National Human Rights Commission had, inter-alia, mentioned that a large number of delegations that met the Commission were of the view that terrorism had only been contained and not totally eliminated. The Commission further noted that according to them (delegations), apart from the work done by the Security Forces or the police, the issues which were highlighted by the terrorists in the initial years of the movement need to be tackled without furhter loss of time. In this context, the Commission observed that delay in tackling of these issues could be a factor in any possible revival of militancy and terrorism in the State, and consequent recrudescence of complaints of human rights violations.

(b) The above mentioned report of the National Human Rights Commission has been sent to the State Government of Punjab for taking appropriate follow up action.

(c) The National Human Rights Commission considers all complaints received by it and also takes cognizance suo-motu of incidents of human rights violation reported in Newspapers and, wherever considered appropriate, makes suitable recommendations to concerned authority/agency under the Central/State Government direct, as the case may be.

(d) and (e) Whenever any recommendations/suggestions pertaining to cases of human rights violations are received from the National Human Rights Commission, action is initiated immediately to examine and take appropriate follow up action.

Police firing in Ashok Vihar

485. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at least four jhuggi dwellers were killed in police firing on persons defecating in the open in a public park in Ashok Vihar, Delhi and several others were injured on January 30, 1995;

(b) whether Delhi High Court had passed orders in 1992 to prevent jhuggi dwellers from defecating and urinating in the park and for provision of proper toilets for these jhuggi dwellers; and